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The Honorable Arthur Gardner

Dear Arthur:

I regret exceedingly that I was unable to attend the Ambassador's presentation of the National Order of Merit of Cuba to you on 8 November.

This presentation is an example of your dedication and application to the task at hand. I want to extend my warmest congratulations to you on this occasion.

Sincerely,

Signed

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Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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Mr. Dulles:

You wished to be reminded that you planned to write a note to Mr. Arthur Gardner expressing your regret at not having been able to attend this presentation. (You had an appointment with  at 5:00 o'clock on that day).

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On the occasion of the presentation of the National  
Order of Merit of Cuba *Carlos Manuel de Céspedes*  
Medal to His Excellency *Mr. Arthur Gardner*

*The Ambassador of Cuba*

*requests the pleasure of the company of*  
*Honorable and Mrs. Allen W. Dulles*  
*at the Embassy*  
*on Friday November eighth*  
*at 5 p.m. o'clock*